

rules and regulations for laying and collecting the taxes, which are herein authorized to be laid and collected.

Rules, &c.

SEC. 17. *Be it further enacted*, That the commissioners shall have power to make, from time to time, rules and ordinances to prevent the firing of fire-arms, fire-crackers, fire-rockets and other combustibles prepared in whole or in part of powder, within the limits of said town; to regulate the speed and space [pace] at which horses may be rode [ridden] or driven through said town; the manner in which dogs shall be kept in said town; to prevent hogs or other stock from running at large in said town, whether said hogs or stock shall belong to persons residing within or without the limits of said town; to prevent or restrict the exhibitions of studs, jacks and other animals in the streets or public square of said town; to cause all lots, cellars, stables and unclean places to be examined and cleansed by the owner, or at the owner's expense: they may take such precautionary measures to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases, and adopt such sanitary rules to protect the health of said town as they deem expedient; they shall support the peace and good order of the inhabitants of said town, and others who may be there, and suppress all rioters [riots] and disorderly assemblies; to prohibit all profane or indecent language in the streets. They shall have power to make regulations or ordinances for enforcing the orderly conduct of slaves and free negroes in said town; they shall have a general supervision and authority over the streets, roads and public square of said town, and shall have power to prevent all obstructions therein, to cause the same to be removed when they exist, and to prevent building on the walks, or placing obstacles on the same in said town: they may impose a penalty or penalties for the violation of any rule, regulation or by-law or ordinance herein authorised, and prescribe rules for enforcing and collecting the same.

Overseers.

SEC. 18. *Be it further enacted*, That the commissioners shall have power to appoint overseers of the streets, and that they keep the same clean and in good repair; and for a failure to perform their duty, they shall be liable to the same penalties as overseers of public roads.

Work on streets.

SEC. 19. *Be it further enacted*, That all persons within the limits of this corporation, who are by law liable to work on roads shall be liable to work on the streets of said town, and for a failure to do so, shall be liable to the same penalties which are now provided by law against those who fail, when duly summoned to work on public roads of the county; which penalty shall be collected of the father or guardian, in case of minors; and of the owners, in case of slaves failing to work on the streets or roads.

SEC. 20. *Be it further enacted*, That all persons that are